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GOALS, INITIATIVES AND OUTCOMES FOR THE 2009 AND 2010 BIENNIUM



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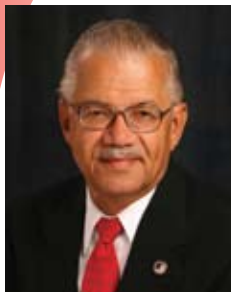
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INTRODUCTION


Williamsburg will become an evermore safe, beautiful, livable city of historic and academic renown, served by a city government--cohesively led, financially strong, always improving--in full partnership with the people who live, work and visit here.

City of Williamsburg Vision

To advance the city's vision, every two years the Williamsburg City Council identifies new strategic objectives for city government. Biennial Goals, Initiatives and Outcomes (GIOs) provide an expression of city priorities, as specific and measurable as possible, covering a two year period. Longer term objectives are expressed in terms of what the city hopes to accomplish in the next two years toward that objective.

GIOs are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all city services and activities. Instead, they provide a concrete, coordinated expression of City Council's direction for change and focus in the near future. In that way, they drive city government operating budget and capital budget formation. The 2009/2010 Biennial Goals, Initiatives and Outcomes, adopted in November 2008, guide budget decisions for two fiscal years, that is for FY 10 and FY 11.

Under nine Goal statements 69 specific Initiatives are identified. In addition to the Initiatives, Outcomes from the National Citizen Survey (NCS), and "Desired Outcomes" and Observed Results," provide performance metrics which help assess goal achievement. Williamsburg participated in the NCS in May 2008. Reported here are citizen ratings of "Good" or "Excellent" for 69 questions and whether those ratings were "above," "below," or "similar" to the benchmark average of hundreds of other cities and counties across the nation. The NCS report can be found on the city's website at www.williamsburgva.gov.

The Biennial GIOs are created in light of a variety of resources including the city's Comprehensive Plan, Five Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), and Economic Development Strategic Plan; and with input from citizens, city staff, and volunteers. Biennial goal statements directly align with the recently adopted 2006 Comprehensive Plan goals. Initiative statements with a  symbol directly link to projects in the city's CIP.

Public comment is always welcomed. Go to www.williamsburgva.gov and click on "Goals, Initiatives and Outcomes."

Jeanne Zeidler, Mayor

Jackson C. Tuttle, City Manager

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CHARACTER OF THE CITY

GOAL I

Protect and enhance Williamsburg's unique character—the Colonial Williamsburg Historic Area, College of William and Mary, entrance corridors, urban environment, neighborhoods, and open spaces.

INITIATIVES

A. Redevelopment Focus Areas

Encourage and assist in redevelopment of underused commercial properties and new infill projects, during the biennium, especially on:

- Richmond Road near College, and from Brooks Street to Ironbound Road
- Monticello Avenue in the vicinity of the W&M School of Education site
- Capitol Landing Road from Bypass Road to Merrimac Trail
- Second Street, Penniman Road and Page Street

B. Corridor Beautification

Collaborate with James City and York Counties in a planning effort led by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance to enhance the Route 60 east corridor from Busch Gardens into the city. Implement the city portions of the regional plan during the biennium.

Complete planting of the Quarterpath Road buffer between The Village at Quarterpath and Quarterpath Park.

In conjunction with redevelopment projects in the Scotland/Prince George Street corridor, improve sidewalks, lighting and landscaping from the Deli area to Boundary Street.

Working with the Beautification Advisory Committee, better define city landscape and planting standards, themes and strategies to enhance the beauty of Williamsburg's corridors and public spaces.

C. Underground Wiring

Complete underground wiring on Page Street from the railroad overpass to the Colonial Parkway overpass by July 2011, subject to funding in the Capital Improvement Plan and Dominion Virginia Power participation.

Complete underground wiring of a portion of Berkeley Lane if authorized by a Special Assessment District with 50% homeowner participation. Work with Dominion Virginia Power and developers to underground utilities on Quarterpath Road between Route 199 and Redoubt Park.

D. Open Space and Woodlands Preservation

Actively pursue acquisition of open space and land conservation, either through purchase of ownership or development rights, both in the City and in Waller Mill Reservoir watershed, whenever availability, price and budget capacity align.

E. City Square Municipal Center

Begin construction of the Municipal Building expansion and renovation project, and complete the Emergency Operations Center project, during the biennium per the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. Refurbish the Transportation Center and Community Building to address wear and tear on those heavily used buildings. Continue planning for replacement of the Stryker Building after the biennium.

F. Historic Building Survey

Update the City's original 1992 survey of the Historic Building Survey for the Architectural Preservation District by end of 2009, to add buildings which are older than 50 years.

G. Heritage Tree Protection

Identify and further protect heritage trees located on city property with program in place during the biennium.

H. Wayfinding Improvements

Assess effectiveness of the Historic Triangle Wayfinding sign system after two years of service, and incorporate downtown parking and tour bus directional signs into the wayfinding system, to be completed by the end of 2009.



City entrance sign on Route 60 is one of several signs maintained by the city.



Library Plaza in City Square created in 1999 for the city's 300th Anniversary.

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Outcomes

KEY OUTCOME MEASURES													
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results												
Open space preserved as the largest single land use category in the City.	<p>In FY 09, there are 2,275 acres (39.5% of total City land area) reserved as open space either as public parks and parkways, College Woods, CWF golf courses or sensitive environmental no-build areas.</p> <p>* Source: City Planning Department</p>												
Overhead power lines replaced with underground lines throughout the City, especially on entrance corridors, at an average rate exceeding 1,000 feet per year since 1980.	<p>In FY 08 wires were placed underground on the northerly 3,000 feet of Quarterpath Road. Since 1982, 32,250 (6.1 miles) have been placed underground by City action (an average 1,240 feet per year).</p> <p>* Source: City Public Works & Utilities Dept.</p>												
The visual and historic character of the City protected through an active and effective architectural review program.	<p>48% of City land is subject to the Architectural Review Board. ARB total cases and percent approval:</p> <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>Cases</th><th>% Approved</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>FY 06</td><td>169</td><td>98%</td></tr><tr><td>FY 07</td><td>141</td><td>97%</td></tr><tr><td>FY 08</td><td>137</td><td>97%</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>* Source: City Planning Department</p>		Cases	% Approved	FY 06	169	98%	FY 07	141	97%	FY 08	137	97%
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Redevelopment, infill, or new development projects continue to refresh the City as indicated by building permits valued at least \$50 million annually issued.	<p>Building permits issued and total value:</p> <p>FY 06 – 252 permits, \$56.4 mil</p> <p>FY 07 – 291 permits, \$43.7 mil</p> <p>FY 08 – 268 permits, \$55.4 mil</p> <p>*Source: City Codes Compliance Division</p>												

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CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Overall Quality of Life in Williamsburg	78%	above
Williamsburg as a place to live	85%	above
Overall quality of new development in Williamsburg	56%	similar
Overall appearance of Williamsburg	88%	above
Cleanliness of Williamsburg	91%	above
Quality of overall natural environment	76%	above
Preservation of natural areas	58%	similar



The City landscaping department maintains colorful gardens throughout the city, which along with new regional wayfinding signs welcome visitors and residents alike.



ECONOMIC VITALITY

GOAL II

Increase employment opportunities, income, business success, and city revenues by supporting, promoting, and expanding the city's tourism and education base and other development and redevelopment opportunities.

INITIATIVES

A. Tourism Promotion

Continue to invest heavily in tourism promotion through the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, and the Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee to increase visitation to Williamsburg.

B. Economic Development Incentives

Assess the potential in Williamsburg for business incentive programs based on the State legislation that allows local Technology Zones, Redevelopment Real Estate Tax Exemptions, Tourism Zones, and Economic Revitalization Zones. Adopt appropriate ordinances during the biennium, with implementation and marketing to follow, for those programs deemed to be effective.

C. Student Oriented Retail

Support the effort of the College of William and Mary, the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and private developers to redevelop properties for mixed use student-oriented retail close to the campus. This effort includes the William and Mary Foundation's property on Richmond Road, the property at the corner of Armistead and Prince George Streets, and the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority property on Scotland Street.

D. Expansion and Recruitment of Targeted Businesses

Pursue opportunities in targeted business sectors - such as, creative enterprises; regional or branch headquarters, research and technology, professional services, and nonprofits – through marketing and development assistance.

E. Southeast Quadrant

Support Riverside Hospital's application for a Certificate of Public Need to construct Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg, and facilitate the development of a high quality, sustainable new neighborhood and community in the Quarterpath/Riverside sector of the city.

F. Future of State Hospital Property

Collaborate with James City County, the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the College of William and Mary, and others in implementing the 2008 Conceptual Plan for Eastern State Hospital property, and adjoining areas within the city limits, especially the College's Dillard Complex.

G. "Virginia Green" Certification for Tourism Businesses

Assist businesses with the Virginia Tourism Corporation's "Virginia Green" certification and promote the businesses as they become certified.

The High Street development on Richmond Road comprises retail space, luxury apartment homes, urban luxury town homes, and condominiums on a major commercial corridor in the city.



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KEY OUTCOME MEASURES	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results
The City advanced as an exceptional tourism destination by supporting the Hospitality Industry's goal of 900,000 hotel room nights sold each year.	<p>Room nights sold in the city: FY 06 - 797,832 FY 07 - 836,360 FY 08 - 812,887</p> <p>* Source: City Finance Department</p>
The City's position as a retail center of the region maintained with per capita retail sales growing annually.	<p>Per capita retail sales in the city: FY 06 – \$23,070 FY 07 – \$27,953 FY 08 – \$31,534</p> <p>* Source: Virginia Department of Taxation</p>
Economic opportunity for the citizens enhanced with per capita personal income growing annually.	<p>Per capita personal income in the city: FY 04 – \$40,708 FY 05 – \$41,922 FY 06 – \$42,923</p> <p>* Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis</p>
A balanced tax base sustained by growing the percent of the taxable land book consisting of commercial property.	<p>The percent of taxable City commercial property on the City's Land Book: FY 06 – 35% FY 07 – 34% FY 08 – 37%</p> <p>* Source: City Assessor</p>
The City's position as a regional employment center maintained by growing the total number of in-city jobs across all industries.	<p>The number of jobs based in the city: FY 05 – 17,043 FY 06 – 16,865 FY 07 – 16,180</p> <p>* Source: Virginia Employment Commission</p>

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CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Employment opportunities	40%	above
Shopping opportunities	76%	above
Williamsburg as a place to work	53%	similar
Overall quality of business and service establishments in Williamsburg	65%	not available
Economic development services	48%	above



The popular Williamsburg Farmers Market brings residents and visitors to Merchants Square, the heart of the city's business district.



The Williamsburg Health Evaluation Center, opening in 2009, promises to be a premier destination for comprehensive health evaluation.

NEIGHBORHOODS AND HOUSING

GOAL III

Protect and enhance the quality of the city's residential neighborhoods, and encourage the provision of affordable housing for city residents and workers.

INITIATIVES

A. Affordable Housing for Workforce and Seniors

Work with regional and private sector partners to identify and begin at least one new affordable workforce housing or senior housing project in the city or region during the biennium.

B. New City Neighborhoods

Incorporate new city neighborhoods - notably High Street apartments and townhouses, and The Village at Quarterpath - into the city's neighborhood service system.

C. Electrical Reliability Project

Partner with Dominion Virginia Power to implement an electrical underground reliability project in the Indian Springs area to be completed by mid-2009.

D. Neighborhood Traffic Calming

Implement traffic calming recommendations included in the Skipwith Farms/Longhill Woods traffic study with concurrence from the neighborhood residents, and engage other neighborhoods with traffic calming strategies.

E. Neighborhood Guide Enhancement

Create an online, interactive version of the city's Neighborhood Guide for the city's website by summer 2009.

F. Neighborhood Landscape Grant Program

Implement the Beautification Advisory Committee's Landscape Grant Program, which will offer annual grant funds to City neighborhoods for landscaping work in common areas.

G. Affordable Housing Zoning

Explore the use of affordable dwelling unit zoning or proffers to increase the supply of new workforce housing in Williamsburg, particularly in the areas of prospective development in the southeast quadrant of the city.

and Housing

H. Zoning Regulations on Unrelated Occupants

Devise strategies to improve compliance with zoning regulations governing the number of unrelated persons in a dwelling unit.

I. Student/Resident Relationships

Pursue multiple strategies to better communicate and enhance relationships between the city government, year round residents and students of the College of William and Mary.

High Street neighborhood epitomizes the advantages of an urban mixed use development. It includes over 240,000 square feet of retail space, 191 apartment homes, 99 luxury town homes, and 240 condominiums on Richmond Road (Route 60).



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KEY OUTCOME MEASURES	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results
The stability and care of neighborhoods reinforced by growing toward the Comprehensive Plan's goal of 50% of the City's housing units owner-occupied.	44.3% of the City's occupied housing units in the 2000 Census were owner-occupied. * Source: U.S. Census
Housing stock and neighborhood quality preserved by an active property maintenance enforcement program with a 95% compliance rate.	Number of property maintenance inspections and percent brought into compliance: FY 06 – 752 inspections, 92% compliance FY 07 – 1163 inspections, 97% compliance FY 08 – 1310 inspections, 96% compliance * Source: City Codes Compliance Division
95% of property maintenance cases brought into voluntary compliance without resorting to court action.	Number of cases and percent brought into voluntary compliance without resorting to court action. FY 06 – 311 cases, 96% compliance FY 07 – 423 cases, 97% compliance FY 08 – 446 cases, 96% compliance * Source: City Codes Compliance Division
95% of rental inspection program cases brought into voluntary compliance without resorting to court action.	Number of cases and percent brought into voluntary compliance without resorting to court action. FY 06 – 38 cases, 84% compliance FY 07 – 37 cases, 97% compliance FY 08 – 145 cases, 100% compliance * Source: City Codes Compliance Division

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CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Quality of your neighborhood as a place to live	78%	similar
Sense of community	64%	above
Openness and acceptance of the community towards people of diverse backgrounds	51%	below
Availability of affordable quality housing	20%	below
Variety of housing options	36%	below



Historic Braxton Court is one of several affordable housing revitalization projects the city has undertaken with the Williamsburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority.



Students, neighbors, Council and staff enjoy getting to know each other better in the relaxed setting of a Neighborhood Block Party.

TRANSPORTATION

GOAL IV

Provide an effective transportation system which is compatible with the future land use plan; serves pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists; and promotes the expanded use of transit and rail.

INITIATIVES

A. Ironbound Road Improvements 🏠

Complete the study phase for the Ironbound Road corridor from Richmond Road to Longhill Connector Road, to include street and intersection improvements, as well as improvements to pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

B. Traffic Signal Installations 🏠

Install traffic signals on Richmond Road and Ironbound Road as part of the High Street development. Per timing dictated by development and by the Capital Improvement Plan schedule, install the Waltz Farm Drive signal at Richmond Road, the Second Street signal at Parkway Drive, and the Route 60 East signal at Quarterpath Road, as VDOT Urban projects.

C. Williamsburg Area Transport

Work with Williamsburg Area Transport to increase headways on key City bus routes from one hour to thirty minutes.

Begin a retail trolley loop service, managed by Williamsburg Area Transport, which connects Merchants Square, New Town and High Street by May 2009.

D. Transportation Center Renovation

Refurbish and refresh the Williamsburg Transportation Center, which has enjoyed heavy use since its restoration in 2002.

E. Sidewalk Improvements 🏠

Install sidewalks and other enhancements per the Capital Improvement Plan, and with particular emphasis on the Nassau Street tour bus stop and the Route 199 pedestrian connection from Holly Hills Carriage Homes to the City's side walk system on Jamestown Road.

F. College and Community Connections

Coordinate with William and Mary the planning and construction of pedestrian and bicycle access from the main campus to the proposed School of Education and Treyburn Drive (High Street). Pedestrian access along Compton Drive and Monticello Avenue adjacent to College Woods, including signalized crossing at Ironbound Road, need to be funded and executed by VDOT.

G. Bicycle Friendly Community

Seek certification as a Bicycle Friendly Community from the League of American Bicyclists.



Amtrak offers regular service in the city, through the Williamsburg Transportation Center, from Newport News along the Northeast corridor to Washington, D.C., New York and Boston.

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KEY OUTCOME MEASURES	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results
Ridership of Williamsburg Area Transport steadily increasing.	<p>Ridership FY 06 - 610,360 FY 07 - 670,939 FY 08 - 770,405</p> <p>* Source: Williamsburg Area Transport</p>
Ridership on Amtrak passenger rail from the Williamsburg station steadily increasing.	<p>Total ridership for Amtrak from the Williamsburg station FY 05 - 37,450 FY 06 - 37,957 FY 07 - 41,941</p> <p>* Source: Amtrak</p>
The City's portion of the Regional Bikeway Plan accomplished, which calls for 27.6 miles bike lanes, bike paths, and other facilities.	<p>In 2008 there are 14.3 miles of bike paths, and other facilities in the city (52% of the desired total).</p> <p>* Source: City Planning Department</p>
Safety on public streets improved by reducing the number of accidents with injuries from year to year.	<p>Accidents with injuries within city limits FY 06 - 56 FY 07 - 68 FY 08 - 72</p> <p>* Source: Williamsburg Police Department</p>

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CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Ease of car travel in Williamsburg	68%	above
Ease of bus travel in Williamsburg	43%	similar
Ease of bicycle travel in Williamsburg	52%	similar
Ease of walking in Williamsburg	67%	above
Traffic flow on major streets	53%	not available
Street repair	61%	above
Street cleaning	75%	above
Street lighting	67%	above
Snow removal	71%	above
Sidewalk maintenance	66%	above
Amount of public parking	44%	not available



The Williamsburg Transportation Center is the only full service surface transportation center in Virginia, with rail, motorcoach, public transit, and automobile rentals.

GOAL V

Secure an ever safer community by enabling police, fire, emergency management and judicial operations to protect and serve city residents, visitors, businesses and historical assets.

INITIATIVES**A. Storm Ready Community**

Complete the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) “Storm Ready Community” certification process by end of 2008 to better communicate with citizens before, during, and after severe weather.

B. Neighborhood Response Teams

Conduct refresher training by summer 2009 for the existing eight Neighborhood Response Teams (Citizen Emergency Response Teams – CERT program) to better serve the needs of Williamsburg residents during emergencies.

Add a College of William and Mary campus response team as another city “neighborhood” in the CERT program.

C. Emergency Medical Response

Provide faster response to emergency medical calls by the end of 2009, by training and equipping all uniformed police officers in basic first aid. As first responders with the fastest response time, police will assist until Fire/EMT responders arrive on scene.

D. Public Safety Physical Fitness

Promote the physical readiness of public safety personnel by establishing clear fitness and weight management standards, linked to fitness programs and to individual performance evaluation.

E. Public Safety Laptops

Install laptops in all public safety vehicles to allow for remote connectivity to Police systems, Fire system and GIS systems, to be completed by June 2010.

Safety

F. Emergency Operations Center 🏠

Complete the new Emergency Operations Center/Fire Department Administrative building with improved technology to be operational by summer 2009.

G. Ironbound Road Fire Station 🏠

Plan for a fire department station per the Five Year Capital Improvement Program to better serve the northern section of the city.

The city's new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will open spring 2009. The new building, roughly 6,000 square feet, was designed to blend with and complement surrounding architecture, the Williamsburg Transportation Center and Municipal Building. The EOC center will also be "green," reducing energy costs by 15-20%.



OUTCOMES

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KEY OUTCOME MEASURES														
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results													
Part I crimes cleared at a rate exceeding that of the national average. (Part I crimes are major crimes such as: murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft.)	Clearance rate for Part I crimes: <table> <tr> <th></th><th>Williamsburg</th><th>National</th></tr> <tr> <td>FY 06</td><td>31.2%</td><td>32.5%</td></tr> <tr> <td>FY 07</td><td>58.5%</td><td>31.9%</td></tr> <tr> <td>FY 08</td><td>45.9%</td><td>32.1%</td></tr> </table>			Williamsburg	National	FY 06	31.2%	32.5%	FY 07	58.5%	31.9%	FY 08	45.9%	32.1%
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	* Sources: Williamsburg Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigations													
Police response to calls for service average under 2 minutes, from dispatch to arrival on scene.	Average police response time FY 06 – 1.4 minutes FY 07 – 1.5 minutes FY 08 – 1.3 minutes													
	* Source: Williamsburg Police Department													
Firefighter and apparatus on scene ready for action in under 8 minutes in 90% of cases, from dispatch to arrival.	Fire response time in 90% of cases was under: <table> <tr> <th></th><th>90% under:</th><th>Avg of all cases:</th></tr> <tr> <td>FY 06</td><td>7.0 minutes</td><td>5.0 minutes</td></tr> <tr> <td>FY 07</td><td>7.7 minutes</td><td>6.0 minutes</td></tr> <tr> <td>FY 08</td><td>7.3 minutes</td><td>5.4 minutes</td></tr> </table>			90% under:	Avg of all cases:	FY 06	7.0 minutes	5.0 minutes	FY 07	7.7 minutes	6.0 minutes	FY 08	7.3 minutes	5.4 minutes
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Property loss due to fire of less than .5% of total protected value annually.	Property loss due to fire was: FY 06 – \$99,970 (.14% loss ratio) FY 07 – \$1,293,420 (.17% loss ratio) FY 08 – \$197,250 (.21% loss ratio)													
	* Source: Williamsburg Fire Department													

OUTCOMES

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CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Safety in Williamsburg’s downtown area after dark/during the day	78%/97%	above
Safety in your neighborhood after dark/ during the day	77%/95%	above
Safety from property crimes	73%	above
Safety from violent crimes	80%	above
Police services	81%	above
Fire services	94%	above
EMS services	92%	above
Crime prevention services	80%	above
Fire prevention and education services	80%	above
Traffic enforcement services	64%	similar
Emergency preparedness	69%	above

PUBLIC SAFETY



On July 12, 1987, the Williamsburg Police Department became the 49th Law Enforcement Agency in the United States to be awarded Accreditation. The department has received re-accreditation status five times: 1992, 1997, 2000, 2003, and 2006. The next on-site assessment and Commission review for re-accreditation will occur in 2009.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

GOAL VI

Seek opportunities and implement programs that address the educational, workforce training, health, social, and economic needs and expectations of city residents and workers.

INITIATIVES

A. Youth Achievement

Create a youth leadership council as one of the city's youth school year achievement activities occurring during the school year, by September 2010.

Implement a ballroom dancing program by April 2009, in addition to continuing Tae Kwan Do, for young people who participate in the city's youth achievement program to build self esteem and self confidence.

B. Youth Career Development

Assist with the development of a regional "Career Café" during the biennium that will link high school students with career and vocational training opportunities.

C. Aging in Place Assistance

Create a senior care team by June 2009 comprised of adult services staff, health care professionals and volunteers to assist seniors allowing them to age at home.

D. Workforce Development Assistance

Create a workforce self-sufficiency team by the end of 2008, to be located at the Williamsburg Workforce Development Center, to address the economic and child care needs for families.

E. City Hospital

Continue to support a State Certificate of Public Need for construction of Doctors Hospital of Williamsburg.

F. WJCC 9th Elementary and 4th Middle Schools

Support and fund, as required in the Williamsburg/James City County joint school agreement, the construction of the ninth elementary and fourth middle schools.

G. Homelessness Task Force

Provide regional leadership to fully establish and maintain the Historic Triangle Homelessness Prevention Task Force, in cooperation with the Peninsula Commission on Homelessness, to provide accessible, affordable, timely shelter and community support services to those currently or at risk of being homeless.

The Williamsburg-James City County (W-JCC) School Division employs more than 830 teachers and serves more than 10,000 students, with just fewer than 2,000 of those from Williamsburg. In 2008 the AdvancED Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Awards bestowed its highest accreditation level rating to the school system.



OUTCOMES

Outcomes

KEY OUTCOME MEASURES																	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results																
On time graduation rate for W/JCC students of 85%.	W/JCC school system on-time graduation rate: 2005-06 – 80% 2006-07 – 78% 2007-08 – 80% * Source: W/JCC Schools																
3rd grade reading score on the SOL for city students of 95%, as a key indicator of future academic success.	3rd grade reading passing rate for the SOLs at Matthew Whaley Elementary School: FY 06 – 81% FY 07 – 89% FY 08 – 90% * Source: W/JCC Schools																
Exceed statewide success rate of VIEW (VA Incentive for Employment Not Welfare) program participants at finding jobs.	<table><tr><td>% of participants finding employment:</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>City</td><td>State</td></tr><tr><td>FY 06</td><td>76%</td><td>72%</td></tr><tr><td>FY 07</td><td>88%</td><td>67%</td></tr><tr><td>FY 08</td><td>79%</td><td>58%</td></tr></table> * Source: Virginia Department of Social Services		% of participants finding employment:				City	State	FY 06	76%	72%	FY 07	88%	67%	FY 08	79%	58%
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Participation in local youth achievement programs such as Tae Kwan Do creates lifelong benefits – self esteem, discipline and self-confidence for city youth.



OUTCOMES

Outcomes

CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Educational opportunities	78%	above
Public Schools	67%	similar
Availability of affordable quality health care	50%	similar
Availability of preventive health services	52%	above
Health and wellness services	65%	above
Availability of affordable quality child care	25%	below
Services to seniors	75%	above
Services to youth	50%	similar
Services to low-income people	37%	below



Matthew Whaley Elementary School was built by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in 1929 when the school was rebuilt to make room for the Governor's Palace in the Colonial Williamsburg Historic area.

RECREATION AND CULTURE

GOAL VII

Add to the quality and availability of recreational and cultural facilities and programming to meet the needs and expectations of city residents and visitors.

INITIATIVES

A. Williamsburg Visual Arts Center Lease 🏠

Execute an option to lease with This Century Art Gallery to build a regional visual arts center at Papermill Creek during the biennium.

B. Civil War Sesquicentennial

Establish Williamsburg's Civil War Sesquicentennial committee to work with Virginia Statewide Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the war between the states.

C. Quarterpath Park Improvements 🏠

Replace existing ballfield lights on fields #1 and #2 at Quarterpath Park with a more energy efficient outdoor lighting system to be operational by mid-2011.

D. Kiwanis Park Reconstruction 🏠

Complete Phase II reconstruction of Kiwanis Park (field #2 and #3) by spring 2009 to serve as the region's premier youth softball facility.

E. Curation of City Historical Items

Appoint in 2009 a city curation work group of citizen volunteers and city staff to research and inventory city historical items.

F. Country Road Preservation

Work with Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and James City County to preserve the "Country Road" between South England Street in Williamsburg and Mounts Bay in James City County as a public recreational hiking/biking trail.

G. Regional Art Festivals

Support the Virginia Arts Festival's goal to expand *Festival Williamsburg* in 2010.

Support the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance's efforts to host a regional Plein Air Art Festival in 2010.

Opened in 2007, Lake Matoaka Amphitheatre, on the campus of the College of William & Mary is the site of concerts throughout the summer and early fall.



OUTCOMES

Outcomes

KEY OUTCOME MEASURES								
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results							
Active and passive city parks exceed state DCR standard of 10 acres per 1000 population by 150%.	<p>As of FY 08, there are 208 acres of improved active and passive park land in the City (15.7 acres/1,000 population).</p> <p>* Source: City Planning Department</p>							
An active library card held by one half of the city’s population (including William and Mary students).	<p>Number of library cards issued to Williamsburg residents:</p> <table> <tr> <td></td> <td>Number</td> <td>% of population</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 08</td> <td>6399</td> <td>48%*</td> </tr> </table> <p>Source: Williamsburg Regional Library</p>			Number	% of population	FY 08	6399	48%*
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Williamsburg Farmers Market annual vendor sales at least \$750,000.	<p>Total vendor sales per season:</p> <p>2005 – \$556,342 (\$13 per customer)</p> <p>2006 – \$656,086 (\$18 per customer)</p> <p>2007 - \$757,362 (\$18 per customer)</p>							
To increase attendance at the Virginia Arts Festival’s annual “Festival Williamsburg” event each year.	<p>Attendance at the annual event was:</p> <p>2006 – 3,857 plus 269 students</p> <p>2007 – 3,367 plus 275 students</p> <p>2008 – 3,335 plus 2,090 students</p> <p>* Source: Virginia Arts Festival</p>							

OUTCOMES

Outcomes

CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Recreational opportunities	73%	above
City Parks	87%	above
Recreation programs and classes	74%	above
Recreation centers and facilities	74%	above
Public library services	91%	above
Opportunities to attend cultural activities	63%	above
Availability of paths and walking trails	54%	not available



Festival Williamsburg, sponsored by the city, is the culmination of the Virginia Arts Festival each spring.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

GOAL VIII

Build an evermore sustainable and healthy city pursuing multiple strategies for conservation and restoration, and providing essential environmental services related to drinking water, waste water, stormwater and solid waste.

INITIATIVES

A. Sustainability Policies and Practices

Undertake a number of programs designed to continually improve environmental practices of city government and of the community at large:

- Complete the first Virginia Municipal League's Green Government certification process by October 2008, and complete annual recertifications in 2009 and beyond.
- Implement the city's overall Sustainability Policy as adopted by City Council in September 2008 to provide direction for sustainability policies and practices.
- Implement the city's Energy Improvement Plan developed as part of the city's Green Government certification by the Virginia Municipal League.
- Implement a revised paper recycling program for the city organization and activate paper saving printing practices for all city offices.
- Add hybrid, all electric and other fuel efficient vehicles to the city's municipal fleet and investigate the opportunity to incorporate alternative fuel vehicles during the biennium.
- Implement an employee incentive program to encourage employees to walk, bike, car pool, or use transit to work.
- Conduct an online community education program on sustainability practices by December 2008.
- Discover ways to partner with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the College of William and Mary on community sustainability efforts and programs.
- Submit and receive the E4 Certification from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (city currently E3 Certified).

B. Drinking Water Supply

Complete negotiations by the end of 2008 with Newport News Waterworks to reserve additional raw water capacity from Waterworks to ensure Williamsburg indefinitely has an adequate supply of drinking water, even in times of severe drought.

C. Water Conservation

Promote water conservation in partnership with HRWET, the regional education committee created to promote water conservation. Provide information and conservation kits to citizens at city offices and community outreach events.

D. Watershed Protection 🏠

Pursue opportunities to purchase property or development rights in the Waller Mill Reservoir watershed to further protect the City's drinking water.

E. Stormwater Management Improvements 🏠

Complete erosion control activities on the Route 143 embankment and implement other stormwater improvements per the City's Capital Improvement Plan and Stormwater Management Plan.

F. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation and Improvements 🏠

Comply with the State consent order for the region focusing on eliminating sanitary sewer overflows. Create first annual report and begin development of a MOM (Maintenance, Operation, Management) document, identifying SSES basins and continuing flow monitoring.

G. Drinking Water Safety 🏠

Replace temporary pilot project using chlorine dioxide for THM control with a permanent installation. Upgrade other chemical feed equipment in conjunction with chlorine dioxide initiative.

H. Solid Waste Collection Pilot Program

Initiate a pilot program to make changes to the city's twice weekly, backyard, no fee residential refuse collection program in order to lower costs and reduce truck emissions.

OUTCOMES

Outcomes

KEY OUTCOME MEASURES	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results
Recycle 37.5% of solid waste stream (150% of Virginia's 25% recycling goal).	<p>Waste stream recycled:</p> <p>FY 05 – 33% (132% of state goal)</p> <p>FY 06 – 38% (152% of state goal)</p> <p>FY 07 – 35% (140% of state goal)</p> <p>* Source: City Public Works & Utilities Dept.</p>
Drinking water conserved by reducing daily household equivalent consumption below 165 gallon per day.	<p>Water consumed in gallons per day per equivalent household connections:</p> <p>FY 05 – 175 GPD</p> <p>FY 06 – 165 GPD</p> <p>FY 07 – 164 GPD</p> <p>* Source: City Public Works & Utilities Dept.</p>
DNR Certification of Compliance obtained with the Chesapeake Bay Protection Act.	<p>In the most recent compliance review (2005) the city was named an "outstanding local partner" in Chesapeake Bay protection.</p> <p>* Source: Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Dept.</p>
DNR Certification of Compliance obtained with VA Erosion and Sediment Control Law (70 of 100 points needed for certification).	<p>In the most recent Compliance Review (2007) the city scored an average of 93.75 in four program areas earning certification.</p> <p>* Source: Dept. of Conservation and Recreation</p>

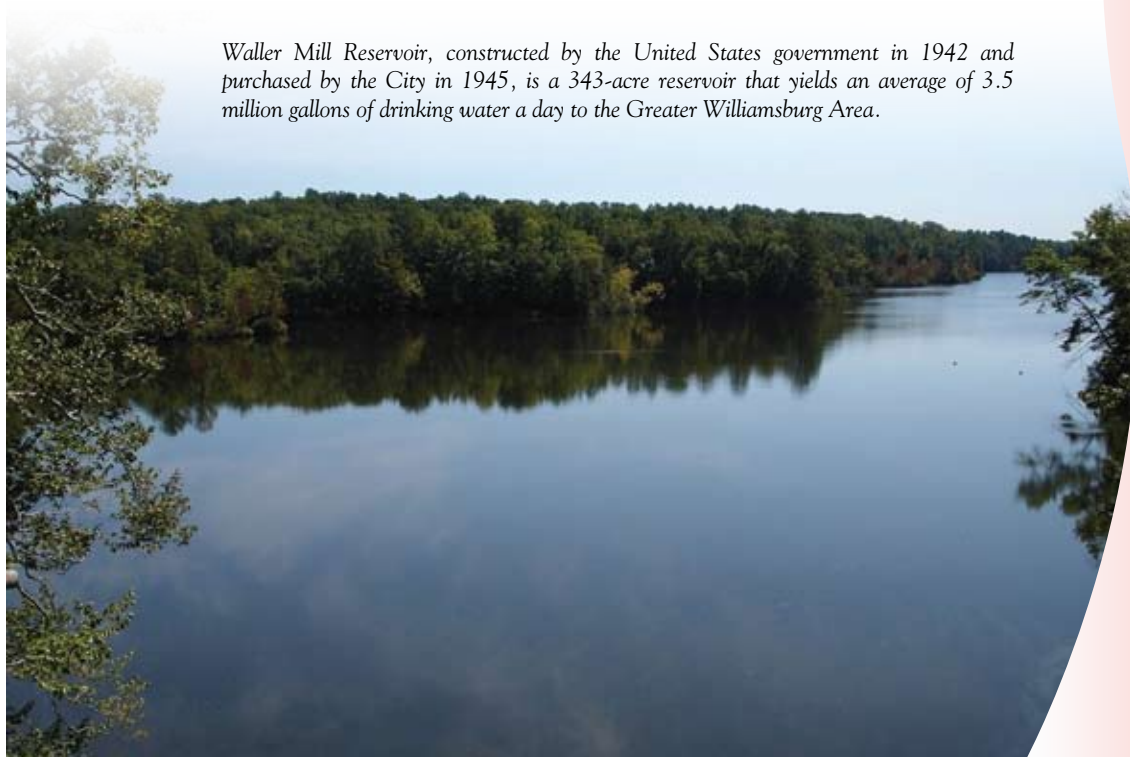
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Outcomes

CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Sewer services	86%	above
Drinking water	64%	above
Storm drainage	67%	above
Yard waste pick-up	80%	above
Recycling	74%	similar
Garbage collection	91%	above

Waller Mill Reservoir, constructed by the United States government in 1942 and purchased by the City in 1945, is a 343-acre reservoir that yields an average of 3.5 million gallons of drinking water a day to the Greater Williamsburg Area.



CITY ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

GOAL IX

Continuously improve the performance of the city government organization for greater fiscal strength, effectiveness in outcomes, and engagement with citizens.

INITIATIVES

A. Biennial Strategic Planning Process

Determine the City Council's biennial Goals, Initiatives, and Outcomes for Fiscal 2010 and 2011 using an open participatory process including an online public forum pilot program to enable citizen input and dialogue.

B. City Charter Amendments

Request from the General Assembly during the 2009 session that the City Charter be amended to better reflect the City's current organizational structure and management practices.

C. National Citizen Survey

Conduct Williamsburg's second National Citizen Survey in May 2010.

D. High Performance Organization (HPO) Change Model

Conduct a third and fourth HPO class in 2009 and 2010, and continue to build the capacity of the city organization for high performance.

E. Performance Measurement Program

Expand citywide data collection and reporting capabilities, and develop performance measurement software module in order to better use the Virginia Performance Consortium and the National Citizen Survey.

F. Public Information and Communications

Continue to reinforce the city's brand by enhancing its publications, and expanding its online presence and use of WMSBG Channel 48 during the biennium.

G. Employee Survey

Conduct an Employee Survey and develop an action plan to address survey results by end of 2009.

H. Employee Assistance and Ombudsman

Implement an employee assistance program and an employee ombudsman effort to assist employees with professional, personal, and financial issues; and evaluate the effectiveness of these program by end of 2009.

I. Information Technology Improvements

Implement key components of the city's Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan to allow for greater continuity of operations in the event of a disaster, and evaluate the current municipal phone service for possible improvements.

The College of William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. Founded in 1693, it is considered one of the finest small public universities in the country, with an enrollment of approximately 7,500.



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Outcomes

KEY OUTCOME MEASURES	
Desired Outcomes	Observed Results
Excellence in Financial Reporting and Budget Presentation as indicated by obtaining Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) annual professional awards.	<p>During 2008 the City received the 22nd consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 16th consecutive year.</p> <p>* Source: City Finance Department</p>
Exceed budget expectations by having operating revenues exceed operating expenditures each year.	<p>Annual operating revenues exceeding expenditures:</p> <p>FY 05 - \$1.2 mil</p> <p>FY 06 - \$1.6 mil</p> <p>FY 07 - \$2.7 mil</p> <p>* Source: City Finance Department</p>
Maintain sound fiscal health by exceeding city's 35% operating reserve policy.	<p>% undesignated fund balance:</p> <p>FY 05 – 66.3%</p> <p>FY 06 – 60.0%</p> <p>FY 07 – 72.9%</p> <p>* Source: City Finance Department</p>
Substantially increase the number of visits to the City's web site each year.	<p>Website "hits":</p> <p>FY 06 – 4.1 mil</p> <p>FY 07 – 5.7 mil</p> <p>FY 08 – 7.2 mil</p> <p>* Source: Williamsburg IT Office</p>
Substantially increase the number of online business transactions each year.	<p>Online business transactions:</p> <p>FY 06 – 2,829</p> <p>FY 07 – 3,369</p> <p>FY 08 – 3,945</p> <p>* Source: Williamsburg IT Office</p>
Substantially increase the number of citizens signed up for E-notifications.	<p>Citizens signed up for E-notifications:</p> <p>FY 08 – 756</p> <p>* Source: Williamsburg IT Office</p>
Employee training accomplished as a percent of all employees: QUEST Employee Orientation (100%), SELF Supervisory training (25%), and High Performance Organization training (80%).	<p>As of FY 08, the following percent of all employees attended QUEST (85%), SELF (25%), and HPO (39%).</p> <p>* Source: City Human Resources Office</p>

OUTCOMES

Outcomes

CITIZEN RATINGS OF OUTCOMES FROM 2008 NATIONAL CITIZEN SURVEY

Measure	Percent Rated “Good” or “Excellent”	Compared to National Benchmark
Opportunities to participate in community matters	69%	above
Opportunities to volunteer	80%	above
Public information services	76%	above
Knowledge of city employees	90%	above
Responsiveness of city employees	91%	above
Courtesy of city employees	91%	above
Overall impression of city employees	91%	above
Services provided by city	75%	above



The city's new interactive website www.williamsburgva.gov was launched in spring 2008.